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SUBJECT: PORTRAIT OF LIBYAN RCC MEMBER

(1) 1. 'ABD AL-SALAAM AHMAD JALUUD, AMERICAN TRAINED LIBYAN ARMY CAPTAIN, IS EMERGING AS ONE OF LOCAL LEADERS SEPT. 1 MILITARY TAKEOVER. JALUUD, WHO GAVE HIS NAME AS ALI SALEM DURING FIRST ENCOUNTER EMBOFFS SEPT. 1 AND WHO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY IDENTIFIED BY VARIANT SPELLING OF HIS NAME AS "QALHUUD" (TRIPOLI 2140), HAS MET TWICE WITH DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDING U.S. CHARGE. IN BOTH MEETINGS HE ASSUMED POSITION SUPERIOR OFFICER BUT DID NOT TAKE LEADING ROLE IN ALL ASPECTS OF DISCUSSIONS. IN SECOND MEETING HE SHOWED NOTICEABLE FATIGUE, STRAIN AND EVIDENCE BURDENS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

2. TWENTY-FIVE YEAR OLD CAPTAIN JALUUD WAS BORN IN MIZDA, VILLAGE 100 MILES DUE SOUTH FROM TRIPOLI IN DESERT. AFTER GRADUATION FROM TRIPOLI SECONDARY SCHOOL AND ROYAL MILITARY ADADEMY BENGHAZI JALUUD SERVED AS ENGINEERING INSTRUCTOR IN LIBYAN ARMY '65/'66. HE ATTENDED LACKLAND AF TRAINING CENTER FROM NOV. '66 THROUGH MARCH '67 AND FORT BELVOIR U.S. ARMY ENGINEERING SCHOOL FROM MARCH TO MAY '67. HE WAS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN AUGUST 9, 1969. [redacted] B1 EC

3. JALUUD IS POLITE AND APPEARS FRIENDLY TOWARD AMERICANS.

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HE READILY MAKES USE OF MODERATELY GOOD ENGLISH AND REPORTEDLY ENJOYS SPORTS. AS OF NOV. '66 HE WAS UNMARRIED.

4. COMMENT: AT THIS TIME JULUUh'S POSITION WOULD PROBABLY BE HARMED SIGNIFICANTLY IF HIS AMERICAN TRAINING WERE TO BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. ALTHOUGH HE VOLUNTEERED INFORMATION TO U.S. CHARGE THAT HE HAD BEEN TRAINED IN U.S., HE HAS CONSISTENTLY MADE MAJOR EFFORT TO KEEP HIS IDENTITY SECRET FROM U.S. EMBOFFS. GP-3.
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